

**CORRESPONDENCE
IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 30, 2005**

I. MAYOR

- *1. NEWS ADVISORY & NEWS RELEASE - RE: CORRECTIONS:
Construction On 84th Street Progressing South - The attached release was sent out Friday, May 13th. We have three corrections to the previous release. The first two are indicated with capital letters: - (See Attached News Release for corrections)
- *2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen Seng will have a news conference at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 19th in the reception area outside the Mayor's Office -Topics will include the nomination for Planning Commission, the summer swimming pool schedule, and other topics -(See Advisory)
- *3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Seng Announces Progress on 48th and "O"
Redevelopment -(See Release)
- *4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Announces Winners Of Annual Water Conservation Art Contest-(See Release)
- *5. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Institutes Voluntary Watering Plan-Mayor calls for continued water conservation -(See Release)
- *6. NEWS RELEASE - RE: University Place Pool To Open For Holiday Weekend-Other pools and Woods "sprayground" to open June 4th -(See Release)
- *7. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Seng Nominates Esseks For Planning Commission -(See Release)
- *8. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Seng Receives Offer To Buy Surplus City Building-(See Release)
- *9. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Announces Events Facility Task Force - (See Release)

- *10. Washington Report - May 13, 2005.
- **11. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: News conference at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, May 26th in the Mayor's Conference Room - Mayor Seng and Public Works officials will have an update on Wednesday's water main break, which has closed traffic on a portion of 84th Street; also will discuss the City's theater policy, the Capital Humane Society announcement and activities planned for Memorial Day-(See Advisory)
- **12. Washington Report - May 20, 2005.

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT/CITY TREASURER

- **1. Monthly City Cash Report - City of Lincoln-Pledged Collateral Statement - April 2005.

HEALTH

- **1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Partnering To Prevent Family Swimming Pool Drownings - (See Release)

HUMAN SERVICES

- *1. Report - 'Ride For Five' Low-Income Transportation Pilot Project Final Report, October 1, 2004 -March 31, 2005 - Submitted by Kit Boesch; Technical and Data Contributions by: Volunteer Partners - StarTran- Department of PW/U - (Council copies of this Report placed in their file folders on 5/17/05)(Copy of this Report on file in the City Council Office)

PLANNING

- *1. Letter from Mayor Coleen Seng to Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission Mary Bills-Strand, Chair -sent to Council Office by Jean Walker - RE: Item #7: Comp Plan Amendment # 05011, to rezone land at the Lancaster Event Center for commercial development-Annual Review Public Hearing-5/18/05- Mayor Seng requesting that at the conclusion of the public hearing the Commission vote to place this request on pending - (See Letter)

- *2. Response E-Mail from Marvin Krout to Peter Katt - RE: SWAT Report Update – Is Rome Burning? - (See E-Mail)
- *3. Letter from Brian Will to Dr. R. Samuel Bryant - RE: Piester Addition - Final Plat #05017 - Generally located at South 80th Street & Preserve Lane - (See Letter)
- *4. Letter from Becky Horner to Brian D. Carstens, Brian D. Carstens & Associates - RE: Flat Iron Crossing Addition Final Plat #04139-Generally located at N. 33rd and Apple Street - (See Letter)
- **5. Planning Department Newsletter - Issue #14 - May 2005.
- **6. E-Mail from Marvin Krout to Planning Commission Members- RE: Land use/rezoning along Salt Creek east of N. 27th Street -(See E-Mail)
- **7. Memo from Marvin Krout to Annette McRoy - RE: Residential Development in Northwest Lincoln -(See Memo)

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

- *1. Special Permit #05021 (On-sale alcohol - Ramos Pizza - 2435 So. 48th Street) Resolution No. PC-00925.
- *2. Special Permit #05018 (Early Childhood Care Facility - 2030 N. 29th Street) Resolution No. PC-00924.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

- *1. Public Works & Utilities ADVISORY - RE: Sidewalk Repair Advisory- Project #702167 -(See Advisory)

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP

- **1. 2-Response Letters from Jim Tompsett, Public Works/Engineering Services; & Patricia Waegli, Violations Bureau to Erv Rung - RE: Meter Number E6 on 12th between “O” & “N”, not crediting you with the full time - (See Letters)
- **2. E-Mail from Larry Keiter to Jon Camp - RE: The Wal-Mart public hearing - (See E-Mail)

ANNETTE McROY

- 1. Request to Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director - RE: Skateboard Park in NW Lincoln - (RFI#165 - 5/05/05)

PATTE NEWMAN

- 1. Request to Don Taute, Personnel/ Bill Kostner, Risk Management - RE: Concerned that his insurance company was being over-charged for a Dec. 3, 2004 accident in the East Campus area - (RFI#35 - 5/16/05)

KEN SVOBODA

- **1. E-Mail from Darrell Podany to Ken Svoboda - RE: Omaha.com Story -(See E-Mail)

TERRY WERNER

- 1. Request to Personnel Department - RE: ‘M’ class employees - (RFI#143 - 5/02/05)

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- *1. E-Mail from Jennifer Augstums - RE: Closing swimming pools -(See E-Mail)

- *2. E-Mail from Rachel Larson - RE: Support for North Hills Comp Plan Amendment #05005 -(See E-Mail)
- *3. E-Mail from Kay Fleig - RE: Closing swimming pools -(See E-Mail)
- *4. E-Mail from Kathy Rico - RE: Closing swimming pools -(See E-Mail)
- *5. E-Mail from Diane Stewart - RE: Support for North Hills Comp Plan Amendment #05005 -(See E-Mail)
- *6. Letter from Annabelle Neemann - RE: The Hartland Home Development located between North 14th & 7th Street, Fletcher Ave. to Humphrey Ave. - (See Letter)
- *7. Letter from John & Alene Holt - RE: Why won't the City approve the use of a resin sleeve for the use of private homeowners?- (See Letter)
- *8. Letter from Denise & Larry Maack & family - RE: Proposal of the Annexation #05006; Change of Zone #05024, from AG Agricultural to R-3 Residential; Special Permit #05015, Hartland's Garden Valley Community Unit Plan; and Street and Alley Vacation #05002 on property generally located at N.14th Street and Humphrey Avenue -(See Letter)
- *9. Letter from Bruce Spilker - RE: Annexation #05006; Change of Zone #05024, From AG Agricultural to R-3 Residential; Special Permit #05015, Hartland's Garden Valley Community Unit Plan; and Street and Alley Vacation #05002, on property generally located at N. 14th Street and Humphrey Avenue -(See Letter)
- *10. Letter from Keith Spilker - RE: Annexation #05006; Change of Zone #05024; Special Permit #05015, Hartland's Garden Valley Community Unit Plan; and Street and Alley Vacation #05002 at N. 14th Street & Humphrey Avenue-(See Letter)
- *11. Note Card from Ruth Mussmann - RE: Opposed to the Wal-Mart at 84th & Adams -(See Note Card)
- *12. E-Mail with attached Letter from Todd Wicken - RE: Comprehensive Plan Amendment #05012 -(See E-Mail & Letter)

- *13. E-Mail from William J. Rogers Jr. - RE: Support for North Hills Comp Plan Amendment #05005 -(See E-Mail)
- *14. E-Mail from Eric Larson - RE: Support for North Hills Comp Plan Amendment #05005 -(See E-Mail)
- *15. 6 - E-Mail's from James Takacs; Citizen; Karin Kotschwar, Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance; Maurice Titsworth; Ronell Titsworth; Coby Mach, LIBA; - RE: Supports North Hills Comprehensive Amendment - (See E-Mail's)
- *16. E-Mail from Thomas Varner - RE: Support for North Hills Comp Plan Amendment #05005 -(See E-Mail)
- *17. 5 -E-Mail's from John Brown II; Brian Jackson; Mark Kenne; Michael Wittrock; Christina Wittrock; - RE: Support for North Hills Comp Plan Amendment #05005 -(See E-Mail's)
- *18. 3 -E-Mail's from Lori Ann Pippitt; Michael Archer; Karon Harris; - RE: North Hills Comp Plan Amendment #05005 & Comp Plan Amendment #05012 -(See E-Mail's)
- *19. Faxed Petition with 11 signatures - RE: Opposed to the construction of the Wal-Mart at 84th & Adams -(See Petition)
- *20. Letter from Shelley Eitel - RE: Please don't turn down the low-income transportation for people with handicaps -(See Letter)
- *21. Letter & Material from Neal Grummert, Twisted Steele Inc. D.B.A. Lazzari's - RE: Our application for a sidewalk café - we were denied by the Sidewalk Café Committee and we are appealing this denial in front of the City Council on Monday, May 23rd - (See Material)
- *22. E-Mail from Carol Brown - RE: Economic Development/Tourism -(See E-Mail)
- *23. Letter - RE: "Global Oil Production" -(See Letter)
- **24. E-Mail from Richard & Rae Geier - RE: 70th & Old Cheney fire debris - (See E-Mail)

- **25. 2 -E-Mail's from Roger Yant; & Keith Ernst; - RE: Wal-Mart plan at 84th & Adams -(See E-Mail's)
- **26. E-Mail from Bob Hampton - RE: 'K' Street Complex -(See E-Mail)
- **27. Letter from Tim Van Boening - RE: The 'Ride For Five' program -(See Letter)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM MAY 23, 2005.
ALL HELD OVER UNTIL JUNE 6, 2005.**



NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: May 26, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will have a news conference at **2:30 p.m. TODAY, Thursday, May 26** in the **Mayor's Conference Room, second floor of the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street.**

Mayor Seng and Public Works officials will have an update on Wednesday's water main break, which has closed traffic on a portion of 84th Street. The Mayor also will discuss the City's theater policy, the Capital Humane Society announcement and activities planned for Memorial Day.

WASHINGTON REPORT

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SENATE APPROVES TEA-21 BILL

TRANSPORTATION

Senate approves highway bill. The Senate snubbed the President's veto threat this week and passed a six-year, \$295 billion surface transportation reauthorization bill. The vote was 89-11 with a majority of Republicans joining all the Democratic Senators in approving the package. After the Senate vote, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta confirmed that Bush would not accept the Senate's bill.

Before the final vote to approve the highway bill, the Senate overwhelmingly (16-84) rejected an amendment by Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL) that would have shrunk the bill back down to the House-passed level of \$284 billion—a figure that has also been endorsed by the Bush Administration. Sessions noted that Bush and the House would not accept the additional funding, noting that the president has already come up in his support of the measure from \$247 billion to \$256 billion to \$284 billion. However, instead of merely reducing \$11 billion from the bill, Sessions specified initiatives outside of the highway program for cuts. This included among other items the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program (\$4 billion cut), transportation enhancements (\$1.1 billion) and transit formula grants and research (\$5 billion).

The Presidential veto threat is disappointing because most agree that the \$284 billion level will not allow Congress to guarantee at least a 95 percent return for each state on its gas tax contributions. This stance could seriously jeopardize the fate of the bill this year given the strong feelings of a number of members from "donor" states that the 95 percent threshold be achieved.

The fate of the highway bill now rests once again in the hands of a House-Senate

conference committee for resolution of the differing versions. While the current extension of the TEA-21 law is set to expire on May 31, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) said a decision has not been made on when to appoint conferees and some observers believe that it may be several weeks away, given the partisan fighting that is now being waged over judicial nominees. A House source indicated that conferees might not be appointed on that side until next week.

As a result, a seventh extension of the TEA-21 law will most likely be necessary and options are reportedly already being discussed. The most likely result is a clean, one or two month extension that keeps programs at the Transportation Department running but cuts off contract authority in order to build pressure for the completion of a bill.

BUDGET

House moves forward on FY 2006 spending bills. The House continued its activity on FY 2006 appropriations bills this week, with the full House approval of the Homeland Security Department measure, as well as the measure governing the Interior Department and EPA. Also, the House Appropriations Committee cleared the Energy and Water Development and Military Quality of Life-Veterans' Administration bill, and the Agriculture Department measure was approved on the subcommittee level.

Some highlights of the House activity:

Interior-EPA

Approved by the House on a vote of 329-89. The focus of the floor debate was the recommended \$241 million reduction in the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund at EPA, the second major cut in the program in

as many years. A Democratic amendment to add \$500 million to the program to be offset by raising taxes on individuals with annual incomes over \$1 million was disallowed on procedural grounds. However, an amendment to add \$10 million to the National Endowment for the Arts and \$5 million to the National Endowment for the Humanities was approved. Both programs were funded at their FY 2005 levels at the committee level. Also approved was an amendment offered Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) to move \$2 million from the state Brownfields program to the Brownfields Assessment and Remediation program at EPA. See May 6 *Washington Report* for additional details.

Homeland Security

Approved by the House on a vote of 424-1. Amendments that were approved on the floor included the addition of \$50 million to the Firefighter Assistance program, raising its total to \$650 million, although still below the FY 2005 level by \$65 million. Also approved was \$100 million to assist states in complying with the recent congressional mandate for drivers' license standards. See May 6 *Washington Report* for additional details.

Energy and Water Development

Approved by the House Appropriations Committee by voice vote. The markup was highlighted by frustration on both sides of the aisle with the spending practices of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on water projects. However, that frustration was not so great as to prevent the panel from increasing funding for Corps projects by almost 10 percent over the President's proposal. In the process, the committee rejected the proposal by the Bush Administration to prioritize water projects based on cost-benefit analyses. The committee also moved to curtail the Corps' flexibility to reprogram funds from one project to another, referring to the agency's accounting practices as "out of control." The House is expected to take up the measure next week. See May 13 *Washington Report* for additional details.

Science-State-Commerce-Justice

This bill, which has jurisdiction over NASA as well as the Departments mentioned above, is scheduled to be

marked up on the House subcommittee level next week.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Jerry Lewis (R-CA) continues to insist that he will complete action on all 10 of his FY 2006 spending bills by the July 4 congressional recess. The Senate is expected to move at a somewhat slower pace, likely holding to tradition of considering a bill only when it has been approved by the House.

ENERGY

Senate Energy and Natural Resources approves electricity title. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee began consideration of omnibus energy legislation this week, and although they did not complete the bill, committee members were able to dispense with the electricity section.

Several amendments were pre-approved and incorporated into the title, including: language that protects transmission contracts in the Pacific Northwest by limiting FERC's authority; and a limitation on the application of the uniform refund authority provisions relating to public power systems from 30 days to 48 hours. Additionally, Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) successfully offered an amendment at markup that would allow utilities, including public power systems, to terminate payments to Enron for contracts that were entered into while Enron was manipulating the electricity market.

The Committee did not come to a conclusion on the repeal of the Public Utilities Holding Corporation Act (PUHCA). The public power community opposes repeal of the 1935 Act, which was passed to prevent monopolies, unless such an action is paired with significant upgrades to federal consumer protection laws.

The electricity title does not contain language that would mandate public power agencies' participation in Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs), nor does it include provisions to require targets for utilities' use of renewable energy sources. The bill would give the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

authority over the siting of new facilities where they determine that energy supply shortages exist. On a larger scale, the bill is not expected to include controversial provisions such as drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) or liability exemptions for producers of the gasoline additive known as MTBE. Both items were included in the energy bill approved by the House last month.

The next mark-up session will begin on Tuesday, May 24. However, the committee will have limited time to consider the bill, as Democrats are likely to disallow the traditional waiving of rules that prevents committees from meeting for more than two hours after the Senate is in session. For that reason, the committee is not expected to complete work on the bill by the end of next week, as previously predicted.

JOB TRAINING

Senate panel clears bipartisan WIA reauthorization. Taking a more bipartisan approach than their House counterparts, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee unanimously cleared legislation (S 1021) to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Sponsored by Committee Chairman Mike Enzi (R-WY) and Ranking Democrat Edward Kennedy (D-MA), the bill drew a sharp letter from Labor Secretary Elaine Chao. The letter fell short of a veto threat but made clear the Administration's displeasure that the bill does not address key Administration priorities.

The House passed legislation (HR 27) earlier this year that incorporates many of the Administration's priorities, including combining the Adult Grant with the Dislocated Workers Grant and authorizing Personal Reemployment Accounts of up to \$3,000 to help individuals obtain job training and allowing faith-based organizations to receive federal job training funds even if they use religious preference in hiring. The House approved HR 27 on a largely party line vote of 224-200.

In a victory for local governments, S 1021 rejects the Administration proposal

to give the states more authority over the designation and governance of local workforce investment areas. S 1021 would make no changes to the current local governance structure and includes language that would give local workforce investment boards the flexibility to transfer up to 45% of funding for adult training and dislocated workers between the two accounts. It also includes language requiring automatic designation as a Local Workforce Investment Area if requested by any local government jurisdiction with a population of more than 500,000.

Overall S 1021 would reauthorize the Adult, Youth and Dislocated Workers Grants at "such sums as may be necessary through FY 2011. It would also reauthorize Job Corps at "such sums as may be necessary" through FY 2011.

S 1021 does not include the Administration's proposal to consolidate the Adult and Dislocated Worker Grants, create Personal Reemployment Accounts or to allow faith-based organization receiving federal job training to use religious preference in hiring.

Chao's letter says that the Administration will seek to incorporate their proposals through amendments when S 1021 reaches the Senate floor. Given the showdown over judicial nominations, it remains unclear when the bill will reach the floor. If the Senate approves the bill, it will face a difficult Conference Committee with HR 27. Last year, a House-Senate Conference Committee could not overcome similar disagreements on the same issues of local governance and faith-based organizations.

PUBLIC SAFETY

FCC requires VOIP to offer E-911 service. In a unanimous vote, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ruled that providers of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telephone service must offer customers E-911 service as a standard feature within 120 days, saying that regardless of technology, telephone customers in the United States have a reasonable expectation that when they dial "911" they will reach emergency service providers.

The ruling does not address the issue of how VoIP providers will access the

existing E-911 infrastructure and stops short of requiring that the regional bell operating companies, or baby bells, give VoIP providers access to existing E-911 networks. Instead, the FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that calls for comments and a study of that issue. It also calls for comments and a study of how emergency service providers can identify the location of VoIP callers.

The day before the FCC ruling, Senators Conrad Burns (R-MT) and Hillary Clinton (D-NY) introduced legislation (S 1063) that would require VoIP providers to offer their customers E-911 access as a standard feature and would also require that they be given access to existing E-911 infrastructure. Representatives Bart Gordon (D-TN), John Shimkus (R-IL) and Anna Eshoo (D-CA) introduced a companion House bill (HR 2418) on the same day.

The FCC ruling and the bills generally have the support of the industry and of local government and public safety organizations and most of the regional bell operating companies have reportedly begun negotiating access to E-911 networks with VoIP providers.

UPDATES

The following are some brief updates on items covered in recent issues of the Washington Report.

Head Start

The House Education and Workforce Committee unanimously approved legislation to reauthorize the Head Start program, clearing the measure for House floor action. The measure does not include a pilot program that would allow some states to administer Head Start programs, a White House proposal that has been vehemently opposed by the Head Start community. However, there may be an attempt on the floor to add language to the bill that would allow faith-based organizations with Head Start centers to use religious preferences in their hiring practices. Committee Chairman John Boehner (R-IA) supports the provision.

CDBG

This week, a bipartisan group of 179 Members of the House sent a letter to the leaders of the House Appropriations Committee urging them to provide the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program at HUD with its FY 2005 level of \$4.732 billion. Thus far, there has been little support in Congress for the President's proposal to slash funding for CDBG and combine it with 17 other federal programs into a targeted economic development block grant at the Commerce Department. The House is not expected to consider FY 2006 HUD appropriations until later in June.

Homeland Security

In addition to the approval of the FY 2006 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) appropriations bill, the House also cleared legislation that would authorize programs at DHS for the coming year. While the bill is separate from a measure to alter the formulas by which federal homeland security funds are allocated to states, it does allow for the hiring of 2,000 additional border patrol agents and would change the current DHS color-coded system for terror threat alerts. The House also adopted an amendment to the bill supported by the airline industry that would prevent the airline ticket fee increase proposed by the Bush Administration to be used for Homeland Security purposes.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Department of Health and Human Services: The Centers for Disease Control has announced FY 2005 funding for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant program. There is \$862.8 million to award cooperative agreements that address bioterrorism and other public health emergencies. Funds will be divided among a list of base recipients, which includes Biowatch and UASI cities along with their associated Metropolitan area, and a list of Cities Readiness Initiative Cities, which includes existing recipients and their expanded metropolitan region and new awardees for planning. The deadline is July 13, 2005, and awards are expected to be made August 31, 2005. For more information, see:

www.bt.cdc.gov/planning/#statelocal.

OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

MAY 16, 2005

TO: MAYOR COLEEN SENG & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER

SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business April 30, 2005:

Balance Forward	\$	\$220,472,992.33
Plus Total Debits April 1 - 30, 2005	\$	\$37,977,140.11
Less Total Credits April 1 - 30, 2005	\$	(\$27,175,881.50)
Cash Balance on April 30, 2005	\$	\$231,274,250.94

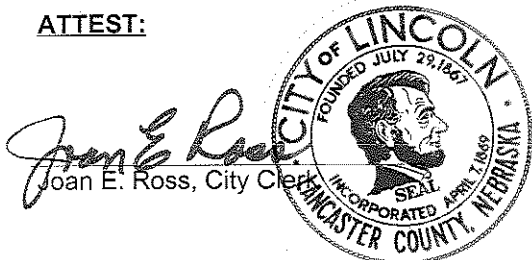
I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you.

U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A.	\$	\$1,700,621.48
Wells Fargo Bank	\$	\$33,807.52
Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account	\$	(\$4,375.90)
Cornhusker Bank	\$	\$3,198.93
Pinnacle Bank	\$	\$53,356.71
Union Bank & Trust Company	\$	\$90,836.83
West Gate Bank	\$	\$4,126.75
Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool	\$	\$42,594,632.68
Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool	\$	\$186,081,037.28
Cash, Checks and Warrants	\$	\$717,008.66
Total Cash on Hand April 30, 2005	\$	\$231,274,250.94

The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments' notification to the City Treasurer's office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer's bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of \$32,508,632.98 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

ATTEST:



Melinda J. Jones
Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

MAY 09 2005

CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT

APRIL 2005

DESCRIPTION	CUSIP	MATURITY DATE	ORIGINAL FACE	CURRENT PAR	MARKET PRICE	MARKET VALUE
FHLMC FGLMC D67795	3128F7UU6	12/01/09	\$1,191,991.00	\$96,672.77	1.07	\$103,395.19
FHLMC FGTW C90689	31335HXS7	07/01/23	\$11,150,000.00	\$9,646,576.82	0.98	\$9,429,759.39
FNMA FNARM 303824	31373UPH4	07/01/25	\$1,600,000.00	\$55,611.70	1.03	\$57,117.09
FNMA FNCL538363	31385AB89	04/01/30	\$550,000.00	\$61,815.08	1.09	\$67,479.13
FNMA FNCL 254725	31371K4J7	05/01/33	\$500,000.00	\$388,055.87	0.99	\$385,155.15
FNMA FNCL 1682970	31400BW77	02/01/18	\$7,100,000.00	\$4,645,819.61	0.99	\$4,598,000.19
GNMA-2 G2JO 3156	36202DQH7	11/20/16	\$2,550,000.00	\$874,875.90	1.03	\$901,409.14
GNMA-2 G2JO 3194	36202DRP8	02/20/17	\$4,130,000.00	\$1,716,867.10	1.03	\$1,768,965.26
FNMA FNCL 254592	31371KXV8	12/01/32	\$3,100,000.00	\$2,106,715.83	0.99	\$2,093,045.35
USBANK NE		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$31,871,991.00	\$19,593,010.68		\$19,404,325.89
FNCL 535771 6.00%	31384WFL9	02/01/31	\$8,200,000.00	\$1,248,594.57		\$1,286,146.14
FGCIEO1490 5.00%	31294KUP8	11/01/18	\$700,000.00	\$548,579.35		\$553,499.54
FNCL 729001 5.50%	31402G3J0	08/01/33	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,559,853.94		\$1,578,145.74
FNCL 759855 5.50%	31403WE45	02/01/34	\$1,250,000.00	\$1,009,641.70		\$1,020,492.39
FNCL 773591 5.50%	31404NNG7	07/01/34	\$11,600,000.00	\$10,184,878.30		\$10,288,550.07
FNCL 555285 6.00%	31385W2S7	03/01/33	\$17,005,000.00	\$5,173,738.26		\$5,318,370.22
FNCT 255047 5.5%	31371LHY8	12/01/23	\$350,000.00	\$274,255.27		\$277,646.17
FNCL 725610 5.50%	31402DDP2	06/01/34	\$3,500,000.00	\$3,077,562.32		\$3,108,888.80
FNCL 666295 6.00%	31391GGC4	11/01/32	\$8,650,000.00	\$1,459,536.12		\$1,500,337.48
FNCL 545277 6.00%	31385HXE7	11/01/31	\$5,400,000.00	\$802,952.35		\$825,613.31
FNCL 615057 6.00%	31388UJA9	01/01/32	\$5,000,000.00	\$1,167,060.90		\$1,199,997.75
FNCL 622169 6.00%	31389DFJ1	12/01/31	\$2,200,000.00	\$392,938.37		\$404,027.90
GNSF 781210 6.50%	36225BKX5	09/15/29	\$8,700,000.00	\$1,029,232.36		\$1,079,349.53
FNCL 323715 6%	31374TSC4	05/01/29	\$10,500,000.00	\$1,463,894.25		\$1,507,920.97
FNCL 323605 6.50%	31374TNW5	03/01/29	\$2,400,000.00	\$209,783.02		\$218,833.47
G2SF 3274 6.50%	36202DT76	08/20/32	\$30,800,000.00	\$5,265,442.34		\$5,497,601.12
WELLS FARGO BANK NE		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$118,305,000.00	\$34,867,943.42		\$35,665,420.60
US TREASURY 6.50%	912827T85	05/15/05	\$250,000.00			
UNION BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$250,000.00			
FHLB BOND 3.05%	3133X4X63	03/28/07	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00		
FNMA POOL #253819	31371J4C5	05/01/11	\$1,025,000.00	\$995,861.61		
CORNHUSKER BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$4,025,000.00	\$3,995,861.61		
FHLB STEP UP 2.4%	31339XUE2	01/09/09	\$2,000,000.00			
FHLB STEP-UP 2.125%	31339YDB5	07/23/09	\$2,000,000.00			
FHLB STEP UP 2.25%	31339XM43	06/30/08	\$2,000,000.00			
FHLB 2.5% to 5/05, then 5.25%	3133MYQG5	11/19/08	\$500,000.00			
WEST GATE BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$6,500,000.00			
FHLBANK TOPEKA LOC	LOC #6588	03/24/06	\$2,100,000.00			
FHLBANK TOPEKA LOC	LOC #6583	03/23/06	\$2,000,000.00			
TIER ONE BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$4,100,000.00			



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG



LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
3140 N Street, Lincoln NE 68510 • Phone: 441-8000
Fax: 441-8323 or 441-6229

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 24, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Leon Marquart, 441-8146
Brian Baker, 441-8046

PARTNERING TO PREVENT FAMILY SWIMMING POOL DROWNINGS

Much like every summer, family swimming pools have literally popped-up all over Lincoln. However, this year, many of the newer pools are deep enough to pose a serious risk for drowning. It is important that the public is aware of the potential for drowning and injury associated with using and/or owning one of these pools. The Lincoln-Lancaster County SAFE KIDS Coalition and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department are joining forces to make residents aware of these dangers and their consequences.

The local Injury Surveillance System data indicate that 166 Lancaster County children were treated in emergency rooms for near-drowning injuries over a recent three year period (2000 through 2002). Fourteen of these near-drownings occurred in swimming pools. The National SAFE KIDS Campaign reports that the average cost for a near-drowning injury is \$75,000, and that as many as 20% of near-drowning survivors suffer severe, permanent neurological disabilities.

To aid in this effort, local swimming pool retailers will be asked to display placards and informational brochures providing swimming pool safety tips and information on Lincoln Municipal Code (LMC) Chapter 8.36 throughout the spring and summer.

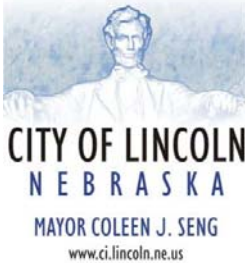
LMC 8.36, Family Swimming Pools, requires:

- Pools having a depth of eighteen (18) inches or more be completely surrounded by a fence at least 48 inches (4') high;
- Doors and gates must be self-closing and self-latching.

For pools with sidewalls four feet (4') high, contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 441-8022 for specific requirements. Please go to www.lincoln.ne.gov/health for a copy of the complete pool fencing ordinance, or contact the Health Department at 441-8022.

“The ordinance is in place to prevent drowning injuries and deaths. We want to be sure the public is aware of this ordinance and takes action to protect children,” says Leon Marquart, Environmental Health Specialist at the Health Department. Marquart indicates that proper fencing is one of the best ways to prevent drownings. Property owners without adequate fencing will be asked to either put up a fence or remove the pool.

Missy Pavlish, Chair of the Lincoln-Lancaster County SAFE KIDS Coalition’s Water Safety Task Force says, “The rising popularity of these deeper, family pools greatly increases the potential for young children to suffer drowning-related injuries. The community must be proactive in its effort to prevent these tragedies. The life of a child is a tragic price to pay for neglecting to take reasonable prevention measures.”



Downtown Master Plan Enters the Ninth Inning

It's time to bring in the closer from the bullpen. The update to Lincoln's 31 year old Downtown Master Plan is nearing completion. The Study's final Community Update Session will take place on the evening of Wednesday, June 8th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Cornhusker Conference Center. The consultant team from Crandall Arambula will be on hand to present the final installment of the draft Downtown Master Plan. The consultants will present key elements from the proposed new Master Plan, including an

implementation program, financing strategies, and project priorities. The Update Session will include a final opportunity for the questions and comments from the community before the 22-member Downtown Action Team (DAT) wraps up this planning effort. For more information on the Downtown Master Plan, see the Study's web page at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: downtown) or contact Kent Morgan at 441-7491 or kmorgan@lincoln.ne.gov.



City's Theater Location Policy Challenged

For nearly 100 years, movie theaters have been an enlivening part of the Downtown Lincoln experience. Downtown theaters have been with us standing witness to world wars, good and bad economic times, generations of families, a quadrupling of Lincoln's population, and five national Football Championships. And for nearly the last quarter century, the City's adopted Theater Location Policy has helped keep alive the Downtown theater experience, most recently marked by the opening of the new 14-screen Grand Theater at 12th and P Streets, while at the same time advancing new theaters in our community's major shopping areas.

The policy is now being challenged by the corporation developing the Prairie Lake Shopping Center at South 84th Street and Nebraska Highway 2. The current Theater Location Policy -- as expressed in the Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinance -- calls for theaters outside of Lincoln's downtown area (B-4 zoning) to be located in B-5 Regional Business Districts, with a maximum of one 6-screen theater in each B-5 district.

The corporation is seeking a permit to build an 18-screen megaplex at Prairie Lake. Their proposal would delete references to our current Theater Location Policy as expressed in the Comprehensive Plan, while removing any ceiling on the number of screens allowed in theaters located 6.5 miles from Lincoln's Downtown. The hearing on all these requests is slated for the Planning Commission's June 8th meeting. The staff report and accompanying local theater market analysis (prepared by R-T Associates) is available on the web page at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: planreport), or contact Brian Will at 441-6362 or bwill@lincoln.ne.gov.



Comp Plan Amendments & Update

The Planning Commission held a special public hearing on May 18th to consider 6 amendments to the Plan. They followed the staff recommendations on all of the items, except for the Lancaster Agricultural Society's request for commercial designation, which they continued for 90 days at the request of the Society. In the meantime, the Mayor intends to convene all the stakeholders who are involved in operating facilities for special events in the city, including the Ag Society, to discuss how to avoid duplication and best meet the potential demand for existing and new facilities. For more information on the amendments, see the web page at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: cpreview) or contact Duncan Ross at 441-7603 or dross@lincoln.ne.gov.



Seems like only yesterday . . .

Time marches on. Though it's only been three years since adoption of the present Comprehensive Plan, it's already time to begin again. The need to update the plan is driven by Federal transportation planning regulations which call for the transportation element -- termed the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) -- of our Comprehensive Plan to be renewed every five years. To meet this requirement we need to start our updating process this summer. In cooperation with the City's Public Works and Utilities Department and the Lancaster County Engineer's Office, the City-County Planning Department has laid out a year-and-a-half schedule for updating the Comprehensive Plan and LRTP. The update process will extend the time horizon of the Plans and offer the community a chance to validate or change current policy directions.

The Planning Commission will be briefed on the proposed Plan Update schedule at the May 25th noon meeting and will then consider key planning assumptions on June 22nd. For more information about the update, see our web page at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: cplrt) or contact Kent Morgan at 441-7491 or kmorgan@lincoln.ne.gov.

Capital Improvement Program

The Planning Commission also held a hearing on the proposed six-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the City on May 18th and found the projects listed in the program to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Next, the Mayor will consider possible revisions to the CIP, and present it next month, along with her proposed budget for the next fiscal year to the City Council. You can view the proposed CIP at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: cip) or contact Duncan Ross at 441-7603 or dross@lincoln.ne.gov for more information.



Lighting Study to be Turned On



The Planning Department has received several proposals from engineering consultants to undertake a review of the City's outdoor lighting regulations. We expect that a firm

will be selected and a contract negotiated for this review to begin in July or August. For more information about this study, visit our web page at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: pcagenda; see February 16, 2005 agenda) or contact Mike Dekalb at 4416370 or mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov.



Marvin Krout, Planning Director Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213 Lincoln, NE 68508 402-441-7491

Marvin S Krout/Notes

05/24/2005 11:35 AM

To Planning_PC Members

cc City Council Members, tcajka@ci.lincoln.ne.us@Notes,
rhill@ci.lincoln.ne.us@Notes, rlewis@hamptonlots.com,
aharrell@ci.lincoln.ne.us@Notes,
bcc

Subject Land use/zoning along Salt Creek east of N 27th Street

Councilmember Newman and I exchanged emails regarding the proposed special permit for a rock crushing operation that will be considered by the Planning Commission at your May 25 meeting. The proposed use is located at 3900 N Industrial, which is east of N 27th Street and north of Salt Creek.

The City and NRD have installed a bike trail along the north side of the creek through this area, which is largely zoned I-1(industrial) in this mile section. The visibility of the rock crushing operation to the public using the bike trail resulted in complaints about dust and aesthetics. The complaints resulted in the Health Department notifying the applicant that they must obtain a special permit to operate this use in compliance with the zoning ordinance, and also that they were in violation of other city and state codes.

In her email, Councilmember Newman asked:

"(We) wondered why this parcel is not being considered for something a little more compatible with the hotel and stores surrounding it since we hear so often that we have so little commercial type land available for large projects....What is the highest use of this land and could an argument be made that commercial use might be more suitable in this area?....I would think that commercially zoned property would actually be more valuable than industrial to the property owner. Is that incorrect? Isn't this similar to brownfield zoning in other cities where the community rebuilds to increase the value of both the industrial parcel and the surrounding properties. Why would it not be appropriate here? Traditionally the Health Department is very concerned about industrial uses right next to residential and I would consider short term stay hotel somewhat 'residential.'"

Here are the Planning Department's initial thoughts regarding these questions, which you may wish to consider in relation to the special permit request:

1. The I-1 district allows the broadest range and most intensive industrial-type uses. Cities need to accommodate uses like the rock crusher, which are not very attractive-looking but play an important role in the operations of the city and allows for the recycling of existing resources. The Comprehensive Plan directs that these uses be located in areas that do not impact nearby residential areas. This particular area is well buffered by distance and by less intensive commercial uses from the nearest residential area to the west, and well screened from public view along the City's major streets -- if not from view along the bike trail along Salt Creek.

2. The City is actively seeking to expand industrial land in order to encourage new jobs. One of the City's biggest problems has been "holding" land for industrial development in areas where the market was stronger for commercial or residential use. The land on the interior of this mile section does not have the visibility from major streets that would make it attractive for commercial use. It seems appropriate to encourage the development of this interior land, which is suitable, location-wise, and already has infrastructure and public services available, for additional industrial purposes.

3. The frontage along both sides of N 27th Street has developed with commercial uses because of the visibility and more direct accessibility to that street. Commercial uses need that "exposure" and are unlikely to locate on interior sites such as the one in question. Downzoning the property from industrial to commercial is more likely to leave the land as undeveloped.

4. Commercial uses deserve some measure of protection from environmental impacts such as dust and

noise from industrial uses, just as residential uses deserve protection from the impacts of commercial and industrial uses. The commercial uses along N 27th Street do have some protections today, through the local and state regulations that are administered locally by the Health Department. Some of these commercial uses along N 27th Street are developed on land zoned industrial and some on land zoned commercial. Air emission standards are not different based on what kind of zoning district is nearby. But the City's noise standards are different depending on the zoning classification of nearby property. So if the owner of a property zoned industrial but being used for commercial purposes (e.g. a motel) desires more noise protection and is less concerned about the flexibility of uses allowed, he could apply to change his zone and stricter standards would apply.

5. Over time, land uses in cities do and should change, reflecting changes in transportation, technology, consumer demand, etc. Residential uses in Lincoln have given way to commercial and institutional expansion, and industrial uses in the Haymarket have given way to a variety of residential and commercial uses. Large cities like Chicago and San Francisco have large areas with older industrial buildings that are no longer viable for industrial uses, and those cities have encouraged the conversion of these buildings to residential and commercial uses. But in some cases, those and other communities also have struggled to protect older industrial areas from conversion, in order to maintain a balance between jobs and housing.

6. Some day, the land in the interior of this mile section bisected by Salt Creek may be more valuable for residential or commercial uses than for industrial uses. But at this time and in this location, that does not seem to be the case. There are a number of viable industrial uses established in this area, such as General Dynamics. Industrial uses usually want to be "protected" from encroachment by residential and other uses that might consider them to be unwanted neighbors, and this area has that protection. Land along Superior may become attractive for commercial uses, especially in the future, if and when 33rd Street is extended north-south through this section as part of a later stage of the Antelope Valley plan. We would suggest that it is preferable to maintain this land as currently zoned and shown in the plan, as a reserve for new employment uses, and face requests for commercial zoning in the future, if and when the market indicates a demand for commercial uses.

7. The City and NRD built a bike trail through this area recognizing the zoning and potential uses. If screening is now desired, it should be a public responsibility to install. But we would suggest that not everyone walking or bicycling may want their view of industrial activity screened -- as long as irritants such as dust and noise are controlled, viewing the "work" of the city is interesting and can add to the recreation experience.

Marvin S. Krout, Director
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department
tel 402.441.6366/fax 402.441.6377

MEMORANDUM

TO: Annette McRoy, City Council

FROM: Marvin Krout, Planning Director *MK*

SUBJECT: Residential Development in Northwest Lincoln

DATE: May 23, 2005

COPIES: City Council
Ann Harrell, Mayor's Office

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:

Please provide the information on preliminary plats and the number of lots approved in the past number of years for the NW 48th Street area and the entire city.

RESPONSE:

We have been maintaining a list of residential subdivisions approved or in process since January 1997. As of May 1, 2005, in Lincoln overall there have been lots approved for 22,091 dwelling units, including 12,136 lots for single family detached dwelling units.

In the small Arnold Heights subarea, listed below are subdivisions for 1,773 total units approved or in process, including 1,185 single family detached units. As of this date, not all of these units have been built. (Note: Only Hartland Homes NW 1st is still in process and has not yet been approved.)

<u>Subdivision Name</u>	<u>General Location</u>	<u>Single Family D. U. 's</u>	<u>Single Family Attached D. U. 's</u>	<u>Multi- Family D. U. 's</u>	<u>Total D. U. 's</u>
Ashley Heights	N. W. 48th & West Adams	214	80	0	294
Ashley Heights 1st	N. W. 48th & West Adams	69	0	0	69
Cardinal Heights 1st	N. W. 56th & Leighton	189	20	0	209
Hartland Cardinal Hts 2nd	N. W. 56th & Leighton	46	26	0	72
Hartland Homes NW	N. W. 56th & West Adams	126	0	0	126
Hartland Homes NW 1st	N. W. 48th & West Adams	8	62	0	70
Hub Hall Heights	N. W. 48th & West Holdrege	349	0	400	749
View Pointe West	N. W. 56th & W. Aurora	184	0	0	184
Total		1,185	188	400	1,773

Note: Single family attached include a single unit on an individual lot that is attached to one or more other units – often referred to as “townhomes.”

I:\CC\NW Development memo May 23 2005.wpd

May 18, 2005

Mr. Erv Rung
6820 Old Post Road
Lincoln, NE

Mr. Rung,

I received an E-Mail from Jon Camp's city council office concerning Meter Number E6 on 12th between "O" & "N", not crediting you with the full time.

Our Parking Meter Maintenance person checked this meter on Monday May 16, and did find it to short on time. He reset it and it is working now.

I will forward a copy of this letter to Violations, Please accept my apology for any inconvenience this caused you.

Jim Tompsett

Public Works / Engineering Services
402-441-7486

cc: Jon Camp
Karl Fredrickson
Scott Opfer
Karen Sieckmeyer
Captain Citta
Darrell Podany
Pat Waegli

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VIOLATIONS BUREAU
City of Lincoln/Department of Finance
555 South 10th St., Lincoln, Ne. 68508
402-441-7277

May 19, 2005

Erv Rung
6820 Old Post Rd
Lincoln, Ne. 68506

Mr Rung:

I received an email from Jon Camp's City Council Office in reference to your May 11, 2005 ticket 1454628 on license number OGX308.

Per an email I received from Jim Tompsett, the meter you were parked at when the above mentioned ticket was issued was defective and repaired. Since the meter was defective the ticket has been dismissed. No further action is required by yourself.

I have enclosed a copy of the ticket indicating the ticket has been voided.

Sorry for your inconvenience and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Patricia Waegli
Violations Bureau

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campjon@aol.com
05/25/2005 06:58 PM

To: jray@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc:
Subject: Email from Larry Keiter--Wal-Mart

Joan,

Please distribute the following email I received from Larry Keiter on the Wal-Mart public hearing.

Thank you,

Jon

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793
Constituent representative: Darrell Podany

From: Larry Keiter <LKEITER@neb.rr.com>
To: campjon@aol.com
Sent: Tue, 24 May 2005 09:02:11 -0500
Subject: Re: 84th and Adams, Wal-mart<?xml:namespace prefix = o ns =
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Jon,

Thanks for the reply, more importantly thanks for your leadership on the council. Although I did not testify, I felt very good about the information that was laid out before your council, and will respect the final decision. Again, the vote to me on this specific sight is just one hurdle I face in keeping pace with the real issue of growing my stores to keep pace with our Customers growing demands. Our customers will seek out those Merchants that keep their best interest in mind.

As a Servant Leader in my Company, it is easy to see someone who is thinking about the best for their people, and weighing in on all sides.

As I witnessed the hearing Monday Night, and not just the Wal-mart issue, the entire hearing, it was easy for me to see that you take your role very seriously, and have a very calming manner.

Your professional manner, and gentleman like demeanor have most likely been established long ago, however both are very timely in a growing and sometimes overwhelming fast paced society.

The city is fortunate that people such as yourself take time to listen to people like us, and ask probing and thought provoking questions.

Keep it up!

Thanks again,

Larry Keiter
----- Original Message -----
From:campjon@aol.com
To:LKEITER@neb.rr.com

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 10:50 AM
Subject: Re: 84th and Adams, Wal-mart

Larry:

Thank you for your email and the information on Wal-Mart. I look forward to hearing your testimony this evening.

Jon

Jon Camp

Lincoln City Council

City Council Office: 441-8793

Constituent representative: Darrell Podany

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Keiter <LKEITER@neb.rr.com>

To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov

Sent: Sun, 22 May 2005 23:15:53 -0500

Subject: 84th and Adams, Wal-mart

Jon Camp,

My name is Larry Keiter, I am a resident of Lincoln Ne, and I work for Wal-mart.

I am a District Manager for Wal-mart Stores, and have worked for this company for 19 years.

I am originally from Hartington Ne, and My wife is from Aurora Ne.

I look forward to Meeting you Monday Night at the Public Hearing, and ask that you truly consider the proposal for the Wal-mart store on 84th and Adams. More importantly, I want to ensure you have a accurate insight into My Company.

I had a meeting with Roger Larson and the Chamber Directors Friday the 20th.

I told Roger, I am not worried about the vote, or about 84th and Adams. However, I am concerned about perceptions about My Company, Wal-mart. It bothered me that Roger felt! ! Wal-mart was not beneficial to our Community. After our meeting, I dispelled many myths that Roger had. Myths about not paying a good wage, about not promoting Women, and about not giving benefits, about not being a good business partner for the City of Lincoln.

In fact:

- our average wage in Lincoln is over 10 dollars per hour

- Two of the Three Store managers in our Lincoln Sam's and Wal-mart Stores are Female, and will be present Monday Night

- We employ 65% of the 1200 associates in Lincoln as full time, but also offer all benefits including Health and Life Insurance to Full and Part time associates.

- We have a Community Coordinator, and Promotional committee that see our funds are giving to Schools, Organizations, and many different fundraisers.

After our Meeting, Roger encouraged me to get this information to the Council Members, and that is what I hope to do.

He did give us some good feedback, such as being more visible and consider placing an ambassador, such as himself or like businessperson in the Civic, and Business arena. He is doing something similar for Wells Fargo. Roger admitted an admiration for Wal-mart, however he is concerned that our growth does create an awesome responsibility. He also

said, that although we have been giving donations to those who ask, He urged us to do more.

I was taught growing up on a Farm in Rural Northeast Nebraska, that no matter who you work for, you are! still working for yourself. My message to our associates is that no matter where our stores will be located, we have to do our best to be good citizens, and good Business members of our community. If we do that, we will always have a place in our Customers Neighborhoods, and in the Cities we belong to.

I look forward to supplying you with any facts, and look forward to serving the community of Lincoln as our Customers, and business and community leaders see fit.

Sincerely,
Larry Keiter
Wal-Mart Stores
Lincoln Ne
Lgkeite@wal-mart.com
402-484-0012



"Ken Svoboda"
<ksvoboda@alltel.net>

05/25/2005 06:29 AM

To: <JRay@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc:
Subject: Fw: Omaha.com Story

Joan could you please make a copy of this World Herald editorial for all council members since I have received this e-mail from several people I believe all should see it.
Ken

----- Original Message -----

From: <dpodany@lincoln.ne.gov>

To: <ksvoboda@alltel.net>; <joncampcc@aol.com>; <robine@neb.rr.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 10:12 PM

Subject: Omaha.com Story from dp

> dp has sent you a message:

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> World Herald editorial published 5-24-05 re Lincoln changes in city council and potential for growth. Appropriate for including as an item on Director's agenda and in Council packets?

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> ----- Beginning of Story -----

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> Published May 23, 2005

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> Lincoln's choices

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> Economic growth is the best long-term plan for Nebraska's capital city.

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> Lincoln recently held a hard-fought City Council election in which pro-business sentiment on the council was strengthened. The outcome provides an occasion to reflect on the relationship between Nebraska's capital city and economic-development issues - and on the relationship between Lincoln and Omaha.

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> A disappointing aspect of Lincoln's civic culture has long been how skeptics of economic growth exert considerable clout on public policy. For a community that often tends to lean to the left side of the political spectrum, it is striking how Lincoln has been so insistent in holding on to the economic status quo.

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> One example of this mind-set was the defeat of a badly needed road bond proposal last year. Another illustration is the way that neighborhood associations often hinder prospects of new development. This is especially the case if the Mayor's Office fails to provide a needed counterweight to activists' clout.

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> One reason the road bond went down to defeat was that the Lincoln City Council had failed to inspire confidence among many Lincolniters. (A telling incident occurred shortly before the bond vote was taken: A City Council member wasted precious time during a council meeting by fulminating against the federal Patriot Act rather than sticking to matters within the City of Lincoln's jurisdiction.)

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> Given this background, the results of Lincoln's City Council election are encouraging, since they signal public support for a council more amenable to economic growth.

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> Jim Fram, who is returning to Oklahoma after bringing a much-praised professionalism to his position as president of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, made no secret during his time in Lincoln that the city needs to build a new consensus that moves beyond economic status-quoism.

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> Lincoln no longer has an "O Street Gang" of local business leaders who can break the development logjams as in decades past. Still, the city has made progress in developing a more energetic business community, not least since a 2002 consultant's report underscored Lincoln's need for growth (growth balanced, appropriately, by responsible land-use planning).

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> Several encouraging signs can be noted. Among them:

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> • Lincoln is making progress in nurturing a biotechnology sector.

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> • Several years ago, Lincoln officials astutely made use of a trade mission by then-Gov. Mike Johanns, winning a commitment from Daitron, a Japanese manufacturer of electronic equipment components, to build in Lincoln.

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> • The Southeast Community College campus at Milford, 20 miles west of Lincoln, stands out as an impressive job-training facility of high value to Lincoln businesses.

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> • The Antelope Valley construction project is going to allow, among other things, an expansion of research facilities at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This process should open new opportunities for commercializing high-tech research and bringing new economic opportunity to Nebraska.

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> As for Lincoln's relations with Omaha, the idea often bubbles up in Lincoln about encouraging, for the long term, a sprawling high-tech industrial park/research complex along the Interstate 80 corridor between the two cities. Such a proposal flies in the face of a central aspect of Nebraska's economic life: It's best to pursue projects on a scale that is appropriate for our state.

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> The University of Nebraska Technology Park, on the north side of Lincoln, provides an example of building a facility on the proper scale.

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> When plans for the park (which has had success in providing incubators for fledgling high-tech companies) were drawn up in the 1990s, the developers modeled the facility not after enormous facilities at Stanford or at North Carolina's Research Triangle Park but on those at public universities, such as Iowa State and Purdue, that are in the same general peer group as UNL.

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> A particular turnaround in Omaha-Lincoln relations involves UNL's College of Engineering and Technology, which has faculty in both cities. As part of an ambitious effort to hire energetic faculty and pursue top-flight research projects, the engineering department has moved well beyond old Lincoln-Omaha frictions and, in fact, has built constructive relationships with private-sector companies in Omaha.

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> As for the long term, Lincoln has key reasons to embrace properly planned growth.

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> If Nebraska is going to be able to provide adequate funding for key institutions of interest to most Lincolniters (state agencies and the University of Nebraska), the state needs to seize its opportunities for economic development. As Nebraska's second-largest city, Lincoln needs to contribute significantly to that growth.
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> Similarly, the more that anti-growth sentiment prevails in Lincoln, the smaller the odds that a fruitful relationship with Omaha can move forward.
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> Chaining itself to the status quo is a luxury Lincoln cannot afford for the long term. Embracing planned growth would serve the best interests not just of Lincoln but of Nebraska as a whole.
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Joan V Ray

05/23/2005 11:18 AM

To: "Richard Geier" <rgeier@neb.rr.com>
cc: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
Subject: Re: 70th and Old Cheney fire debris

Dear Mr. & Ms. Geier: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Joan V. Ray

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"Richard Geier" <rgeier@neb.rr.com>



"Richard Geier"
<rgeier@neb.rr.com>

05/22/2005 07:49 PM

To: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc:
Subject: 70th and Old Cheney fire debris

We are writing to express our concern at the apparent lack of effort to remove the burned out hulk of the partially constructed house at the corner of 70th and Old Cheney.

Richard and Rae Geier

7031 Culwells Court




Joan V Ray

05/25/2005 02:14 PM

To: RogerYant@aol.com

cc:

Subject: Re: All council members. 84th & Adams 

Dear Mr. Yant: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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05/24/2005 03:11 PM

To: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us

cc:

Subject: All council members. 84th & Adams

Wal-Mart plan on 84th & Adams:

I would be against it, #1 the people in the neighborhood don't want it and second of all Lincoln has enough Wal-Marts the way it is. I don't find that Wal-Mart is a neighborhood friendly store. What is it with developers? And second of all why do we need 800,000 sq. ft. of retail space on this ground? Where is it written that in every development now days we have to have a large area for retail space. What would be wrong with 200,000 sq. ft. of retail space with a grocery store and a few shops, or even better no retail space on the northeast corner? And another thing why is it that the city seems to think that in every new development we need all these apartments? What's wrong with low density, Why must we have apartments in every area? Lincoln is now over-saturated with apartments and empty retail space. What would be wrong with this 230 acres of development without all this retail development on the parameter? How about something unique, 230 acres of homes and green space? Pretty scary huh? Enough of my pontificating but I hope on the council would vote NO on the Wal-Mart on any corner. On the northwest corner we have 200,000 sq. ft. of retail space, that's plenty for the area. I hope you will start listening to the people for once and not big business. Why do we need malls and shopping centers every few blocks. Lets make Lincoln beautiful. People have cars and can drive a few miles for convenience sake.

Roger Yant




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05/25/2005 02:15 PM

To: "Keith Ernst" <erniene@alltel.net>

cc:

Subject: Re: 84 & Holdredge 

Dear Mr. Ernst: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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05/24/2005 09:54 PM

To: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

cc:

Subject: 84 & Holdredge

Good Day to all, I know you have a busy schedule however I would like to voice my opinion on the propose Wal-Mart at 84th & Holdredge. As you know Lincoln is growing fast and the east side is no different. I feel that we are entitled to the same services as the north and south parts of Lincoln who have grocery stores and Wal-Marts in their areas. I find it hard to understand why we have to drive across town to have the same benefits as those home owners. I hope you will give it a serious consideration as it will bring tax dollars to the city and help those who are in needs of jobs. I appreciate your representation and commend you on your hard work.

Thanks

Keith Ernst

8111 Leighton Ave.




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To: "Bob Hampton" <bhampton@hamptonlots.com>

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Subject: Re: FW: k Street Complex 

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Dear City Council:

I have some interest in touring the old power plant.

I really wonder though if it is worth my time to submit a proposal to the city for this. The tone of this email is really sad to entice a developer to take such a big risk.

If I can not consider or use TIF this project will not work. For me or any one.

Good luck finding any one to do it with out TIF.

Bob Hampton

-----Original Message-----

From: VMejer@ci.lincoln.ne.us [mailto:VMejer@ci.lincoln.ne.us]

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 2:47 PM

To: Bob Hampton

Subject: k Street Complex

We have an investment backed and financially sound offer to redevelop the property into a multiple owner/occupant privately owned use that is consistent with the Downtown Master Plan. The offer includes a significant purchase price payable for the land and building, and will make the property eligible to utilize Tax Increment Financing. Note: The proposed sale is not contingent on an approved TIF redevelopment agreement with the City.

Likewise, those expressing interest should be prepared to include (in their letter of intent) a financially sound offer for a privately owned use consistent with the Downtown Master Plan. Currently, there is no interest

in
any leaseback to City or other government uses, nor is build-out for use
primarily by not-for profit or other non-taxable uses considered viable.
Although mixed use is permissible in some circumstances under the
Downtown
Master Plan, any proposed use should avoid singularity of use --
especially
any single occupant or minimized occupancy commercial or manufacturing
uses.

While a reasonable contingency for due diligence and feasibility might
be
acceptable, interested parties should know that the current offeror is
willing to close as soon as the transaction can be completed on the
public
side. Once the transaction is completed, it is anticipated that the new
owner will seek a redevelopment agreement to redevelop the property
under
Nebraska's Community Development Law, (utilizing TIF) and would include
standard provisions prohibiting speculation and providing applicable use
restrictions consistent with other redevelopment projects.

Anyone interested is welcome to walk through the building on May 26
and/or
June 1 from 10:00 to 11:00

If you want to do the walk through show up at the west entrance at 10:
am

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Dear City Council Members,

I've heard the news about the City Council planning on either keeping the Ride for Five program from Star Tran transportations or drop it.

Lots of people who ride the Star Tran buses or Star Tran handivans, including myself are people with low income. People with low income use that Ride for Five program for our transportations to our destinations. And it's meant to be affordable for us too.

All of us low income people use it so we can get to either downtown Lincoln, a doctors appointment, a job, a job interview, job searching, a business meeting, to college, to school, parents taking there children to there daycare, and many other destinations here in the City of Lincoln.

This Ride for Five program **must** stay. Why? It's a privilage to all of the people of Lincoln who are low income that need transportation from one part of Lincoln to the other. And when it comes to jobs it won't cause more unemployment.

As for me, I live all the way out by Havelock here in Lincoln. I take the number 1 bus that goes passed my house every weekday and Saturday.

I've used this Ride for Five program for a whole month. And it has helped me a lot with transportation. Before that I mostly just used dollar bills or those bus coupon ticket books. But when I heard about this program, I thought it was a great bargian for me since I have low income.

Recently I've been working at the Golds Galleria building with the Nebraska Health & Human Services System and a few other people that work there also use Star Tran for transportation and they are low income too.

If the City Council does drop this Ride for Five program, then Star Tran could loose customers who have rode the buses for many years and loose money.

If the City Council does keep it, that will be great. Then all of those people who have low income won't have to worry about loosing there jobs, changing jobs, changing schools, dropping college classes, etc., etc., etc.

Thank you for your time. For all of our sakes who have low income and that are not aware of this matter, please do **not** drop the Ride for Five program since it has helped us people with low income to get around with transportation to all of our destinations. Think it over.

Tim Van Boening

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Van Boening".

P.S. Many people with low income **do** need that Ride for Five program more then you think.

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